



**PROCLAMATION
LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH**

WHEREAS, elders contribute invaluable resources, wisdom and experience to Florida's communities;

WHEREAS, more than 160,000 older adults reside in Florida's long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize the importance of federal and state mandated residents' rights, which protect the safety, dignity and independence of Florida's frailest elders and remind them that they have not been forgotten; and

WHEREAS, recognition is due to individuals who seek to improve the culture of aging through a commitment to education and empowerment building upon the cornerstone of long-term care residents' rights; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor the volunteer advocates know as "ombudsmen," who protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care residents and act as the voice of those who often cannot speak for themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010 AS

"Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month"

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 12th day of October 2010, Sumter County Florida

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Doug Gilpin
Chairman